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SUBJECT: GOE QUERY RE NUCLEAR POWERED COMMERCIAL SHIPS
TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL

REF: A. CAIRO 8273(DTG 150154Z MAR 78) (NOTAL)
B. STATE 62569 (DTG 102240Z MAR 78) (NOTAL)
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C. STATE 75096 (DTG 231747Z MAR 78 (NOTAL)

1. WE BELIEVE THAT DR. HAMUDA HAS CONFUSED ISSUE OF TRANSIT
OF PANAMA CANAL BY NUCLEAR POWERED COMMERCIAL VESSELS WITH
ISSUE OF PORT VISITS BY SUCH VESSELS. USG HAS CONCLUDED BI-
LATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH FOURTEEN COUNTRIES GOVERNING PORT
ACCESS BY US COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWERED SHIP,NS SAVANNAH.

(REFTEL C PERTAINS). SINCE SAVANNAH NO LONGER OPERATING,
THESE AGREEMENTS ESSENTIALLY ARE IN ABEYANCE.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN USG AND OTHER
GOVERNMENTS RELATIVE TO PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT BY NUCLEAR
POWERED COMMERCIAL VESSELS. AT ONE POINT, FRG APPROACHED
USG CONCERNING POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMA CANAL TRAN-
SIT BY QUOTE OTTO HAHN UNQUOTE. FRG DID NOT PURSUE THESE
DISCUSSIONS TO ANY CONCLUSION; APPARENTLY BECAUSE FRG LOST
INTEREST. FYI, A RECENT PRESS ARTICLE IN QUOTE DIE WELT
UNQUOTE SUGGESTED THAT QUOTE OTTO HAHN UNQUOTE MAY BE TAKEN

OUT OF SERVICE SOON DUE TO INSUFFICIENT COMMERCIAL INTEREST
AND FINANCING FOR NEXT REFUELING. END FYI.

3. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, WE QUESTION UTILITY OF PROVID-
ING TO DR. HAMUDA TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS GOVERNING PORT ACCESS
BY NS SAVANNAH. HOWEVER, SHOULD EMBASSY CAIRO WISH TO
DELIVER COPIES TO GOE, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. (AGREE-
MENTS ARE, OF COURSE, MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD.) VANCE

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